

# Community Eligibility Example

School Name	Direct Cert Numbers (as of April 1)	Total Enrollment (as of April 1)	Percentage	Eligible	Potentially Eligible
Elementary School	234	469	49.89%	X	
Middle School	135	353	38.24%		X
High School	79	286	27.62%		
Total	448	1108	40.4%	X	

In the above scenario, the Elementary School qualifies because it has over 40% directly certified students as of April 1, the Middle School is potentially eligible with 30-39% directly certified students, and the High School does not qualify on its own because it is less than 30% directly certified students.

With that being said, there are a number of ways to combine schools to allow them to be on the Community Eligibility Program.

## Option One:

The Elementary School qualifies on its own at 49.89% Identified Student Percentage

*To calculate claiming percentages for SBP and NSLP:*

Multiply 49.89% by 1.6 = 79.82% free reimbursement rate

Subtract 79.82% from 100% = 20.18% paid reimbursement rate

## Option Two:

Combine Elementary and Middle School DC numbers (234+135) and divided by combined enrollment of both schools (469 + 353). This equals  $369/822 = 44.89\%$  (now an eligible Identified Student Percentage)

*To calculate claiming percentages for SBP and NSLP:*

Multiply 44.89% by 1.6 = 71.82% free reimbursement rate

Subtract 71.82% from 100% = 28.8% paid reimbursement rate

## Option Three:

Group all schools together to qualify them by taking the total DC of 448 and dividing it by the total enrollment of 1108. This equals a 40.43% Identified Student Percentage

*To calculate claiming percentages for SBP and NSLP:*

Multiply 40.43% by 1.6 = 64.69% free reimbursement

Subtract 64.69% from 100% = 35.31% paid reimbursement rate

For more information, please go to: <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cnp/nslp/cep.htm>

*This is for illustration purposes only. Your numbers may be different and you will have to weigh all options carefully in order to be fiscally prudent.*